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Applicants: Andrew J. Ries, et al. Examiner: ALTER, Alyssa M.

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Title: Connector Assembly for Connecting a Lead and an

IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2008, having a threemonth statutory period for response set to expire on March 23, 2009, entry and consideration of the following is respectfully requested. A request for a two-month extension of time is included herein, thereby extending the due date for response to May 23, 2009.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.